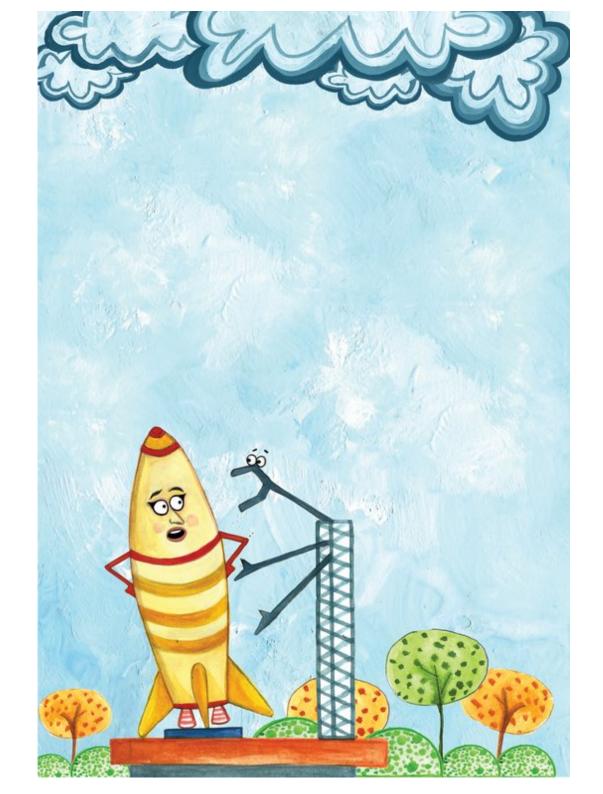




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Level 2



"Don't leave me," begged Launchpad Mihir.

Rocket Lila was ready to take off. It was time for the launch. "I have to go now," said Rocket Lila.

The microphone crackled.

TEN...NINE...EIGHT...



"I'll be all alone," said Launchpad Mihir.

"Rocket Khagol will be with you," said Lila. **SEVEN...SIX...** 

"No! Don't go."

"I'll be back," said Lila.

"When?"

"As soon as my job is done."

FIVE...

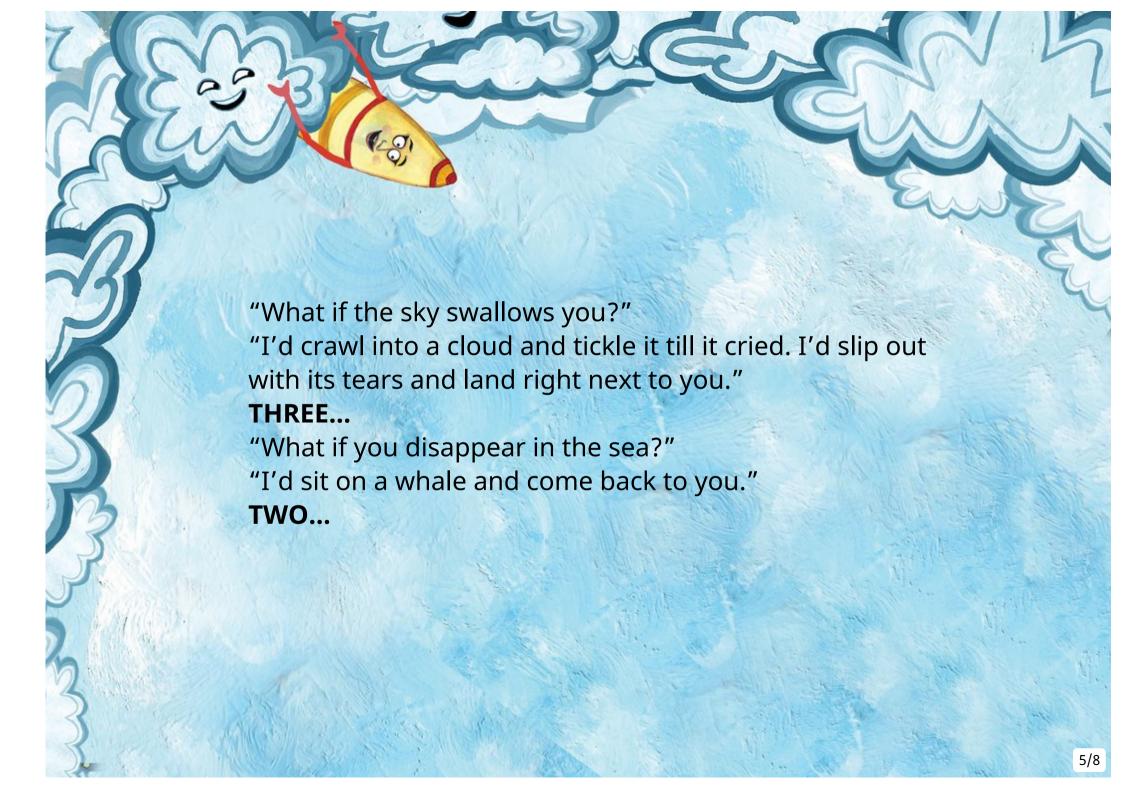


"What if you get lost in space?"

"I'd ask a star to show me the way.

I'd hang on to a comet's tail. I'd drop to earth on a meteor."

FOUR...





Lila gave Mihir a hug and said, "I'll miss you, but I have work to do."

ONE...
BLAST OFF!

Lila went up into the sky, higher and higher.

Lila zipped through the universe, past planets and stars, comets and moons. Lila had adventures galore.

Mihir waited and waited. Mihir had many questions.

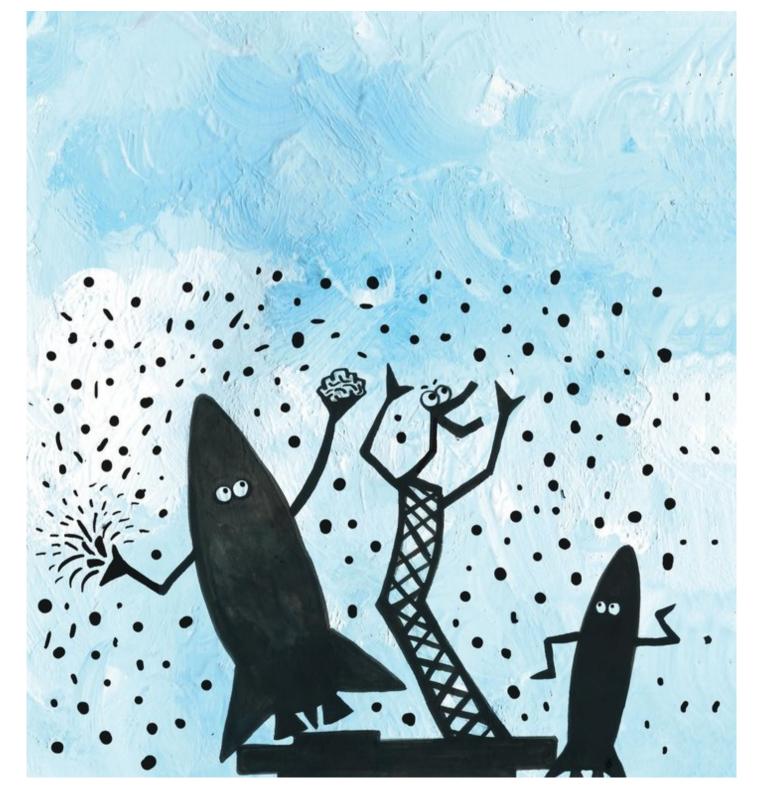
"Where is Lila? What is Lila doing? When will Lila come back?"

Rocket Khagol took good care of Mihir.

A news report on Lila's mission reached the spaceport.

And then one day...





### Lila landed with a swish!

Mihir loved the meteor rock and moon dust that Lila got for them. Mihir also enjoyed the space stories. Most of all, Mihir loved the hugs.

<sup>\*</sup>Rockets usually never come back to the launchpad. But our Lila is a reusable rocket!



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# Rocket's Day out (English)

Launchpad Mihir does not want Rocket Lila to go off into space. What if the sky swallows Lila, or the sea? But Rocket Lila is not worried at all!

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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